

# SPOKE

Conestoga College, Monday, November 23, 1987



## 'No respect' on Nov. 11

By Max Lombardi



Photo by Max Lombardi/Spoke

Poppies discarded in ashtray

"No respect."

That's what a Conestoga College Doon campus security guard, who spent a year in a Nazi concentration camp at Offenbarch, said some students showed for Canadian war veterans on Remembrance Day.

Alex Speyers, who served in the Dutch army and fought Nazi Germany in 1940, said students should have at least shown the courtesy to stand and pause for thought during the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day at Doon campus.

Instead, four students sat on a chesterfield in the hall and continued to talk while the television memorial was

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Photo by Jamie Reaume/Spoke

## The Twilight Zone?

Imagination mixed with reality when an early morning fog settled among workers at the new woodworking building.

## 'You are lucky'

## Chinese prof impressed after tour of Doon

By Andrew Bruce

Canadian college and university students study under distinctly different conditions than their Chinese counterparts, said a professor from China who toured Conestoga College's Doon campus Nov. 10.

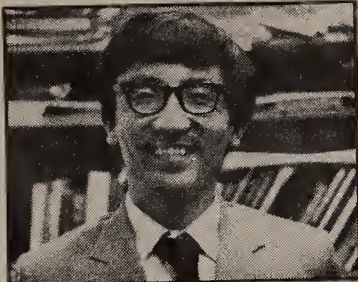
Prof. Zhao Linyou, 41, a lecturer of English at the Sinc-huan Foreign Institute and a participant in the Chinese Educational Exchange program, said Canadian students have numerous advantages over students in China, such as a more relaxed learning environment.

"Here (in Canada), you have class discussions. The teachers encourage students to think for themselves ... to have opinions of their own, rather than the one (of the instructor)," Zhao said. "Your teaching method is informal and casual. This is good."

"In China, we have more discipline. Students respect their teachers. The students don't ask questions. They are too busy taking notes and memorizing lots of things. The teacher allows only five or 10 minutes at the end of class for questions."

Zhao said Canadian colleges and universities have more advanced technology and more equipment. As a result, Canada

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Prof. Zhao Linyou of China

## Pond Party in limbo

By Jamie Reaume

It was suggested that the Doon Student Association (DSA) be approached to consider running the orientation Bar-B-Q Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 p.m.

That 'suggestion' was brought to Sandy Nay, activities co-ordinator for the DSA, by Carol Gregory of student services, who was representing the eight-member Orientation '88 Committee for Doon campus.

Nay was informed the Bar-B-Q, which in the past was on the first Wednesday following Labor Day after classes were cancelled at 12:30 p.m., is being looked at as a possible distraction from the class routine and a disruption of the learning process for most students.

Nay was approached by Gregory to come up with proposals concerning the DSA's Bar-B-Q. What the committee needed, said Nay, were other ideas she could discuss at a program co-ordinators meeting Nov. 27.

"It is our (the committee's) hope to get some kind of feedback from the DSA since it is their event and not anything run out of this office. We don't want to keep this in the closet but rather, keep it in the open."

According to the memo received by Nay, the tentative schedule for 1988's registration (for students) is:

Thursday, Sept. 1 —a.m. Applied Arts registration (year one), p.m. Business registration (year one).

Friday, Sept. 2 —a.m. Technology registration (year one).

\*\*N.B. Health Sciences —to be determined.\*\*

Tuesday, Sept. 6 —a.m. Year two and three registration; —classes, all years, begin (undetermined times).

Nay went to the Board of Directors for feedback and proposals to give to the committee.

Two proposals evolved from the meeting.

The first calls for mandatory registration for all year one students from applied arts, business and technology Thursday, Sept. 1 until 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., the DSA will hold the Orientation Pond Party until 7 p.m. They (the DSA) are going to be putting together a package deal which will include a meal, a T-shirt or boxer shorts, entertainment (a comedian during supper) and Project Playfair —or icebreaker game.

The first Tuesday following Labor Day, Sept. 6, is the second proposed day for the Orientation Pond Party. Since registration for second and third-year students occurs in the morning (tentative for the moment), all classes could be cancelled at 12:30 p.m. without too much disruption of the learning process. Again, a similar package deal would be made available for this event which would involve all students from every year.

The DSA's preference would be for no change at all from the Wednesday afternoon event because Nay feels the Bar-B-Q is a vital part of the school year.

"It provides an avenue to meet new people which is especially important for the out-of-town students since this might be their first real time to interact socially with people they will be going to school with," Nay said.

Sharon Kalbfleisch, program co-ordinator for applied arts and a member of the orientation committee, agreed with Nay on the value and importance of the orientation Bar-B-Q.

"I believe there is a lot of value in people getting together socially before classes begin

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## Crowd quiet at Spirit rally

By Jamie Reaume and Victor Mirabelli

Spirit Day has come and gone, but what did it accomplish?

According to Sandy Nay, activities co-ordinator for the Doon Student Association (DSA), it did not get quite the response she had hoped for.

"I would (probably) like to ask for more student support

by getting people out of their classes, to get up there with us and incorporate the cheer.

"When we (the Spirit committee) started out, the idea was to introduce the spirit club to the school but also to promote varsity athletics and generally have some fun while getting people involved in student activities."

The real purpose of the

event, the introduction of the women's basketball team, took a back seat to the rally leaders' efforts to bring the crowd noise level up above that of a mouse's whisper. The 12-member rally team tried to encourage the unusually quiet but overflowing noon-hour crowd to openly participate.

They did manage to get a few in the 'dispirited' crowd to rise to the occasion and join the cheering.

Balloons were handed out with a surprise gift of free Thursday night pub tickets to lucky people in the crowd. While the people who received the tickets were grateful, it wasn't enough to get more than a stir out of the rest.

Nay said if the pep rally even draws one per cent more attendance at varsity games, she would consider the rally a success.

"That would be great. I'd be happy with that."

The next spirit rally is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9.



Photo by Victor Mirabelli/Spoke

Spirit Club members, left to right, Farzana Smeikh, Ian Huth, Rita Oliveira, Anna Lucibello, Dan Randall.



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**OPINION****You tell us:****Did you have any problems with OSAP?**

"No problems. It came on time."

Ryan Smit, ambulance emergency care, first-year.



"They reassessed my OSAP and took \$70 off my grant."

Trevor Thompson, social services, first-year.

"I got ripped off. I got a lower loan than I did last year compared to people in my situation."

Janet Miller, CPA, second-year.



"Not really, I screwed it up myself."

Brigitte Quinn, nursing assistant, first-year.

"Yes. They said I couldn't qualify because I've been in school too long."

Paul Hollingsworth, BRT, third-year.



"Yes, I had to wait twice as long as promised because they messed up."

Bill Zakhary, business management, second-year.

**Viewpoint****By Max Lombardi****Breath of fresh air**

Smokers at Conestoga College ought not be disgruntled by the college-wide smoking ban proposed to go into effect in June.

Access to clean, healthy air is a necessary courtesy that non-smokers deserve. Those who need to smoke must realize they should step outside when addiction calls — just as I would go to the washroom when nature calls.

Non-smokers find it unpleasant to breathe cigarette fumes. Some people get watery eyes or allergic reactions to cigarette smoke. To give smokers an idea about how non-smokers might feel, let them sit in on the national indoor bean-eating contest—what a gas! That would make their eyes water.

Smokers may think of smoking bans as self-righteous action on the part of non-smokers. Regardless, non-smokers have to take the lead if smokers fail to smoke solely among themselves.

A college-wide smoking ban is hardly a severe control of the nicotine habit. Things could be much worse for smokers.

In a failed attempt to ban smoking in the 17th-century Ottoman Empire, Sultan Murad IV imposed a death penalty on smokers.

Although reform has been relatively soft, nobody ought to be surprised by the sudden proposal. The smoking minority is gradually shrinking. Between 1966 and 1981, the proportion of male smokers over 15 years old dropped to 37 per cent from 54. Females declined to 29 from 32.

Nonetheless, the college-wide smoking ban is unlikely to change drastically the life of the average smoker at Conestoga College. If a smoker thinks it is a strain to take a few extra steps out the door so he can have a cigarette, then I suggest he knows not what a strain is. Strain is requesting in the lunch-room lineup that a mean-looking behemoth from Law and Security Administration (LASA) please put out his Player's smoke because it gives you the sniffles.

I bet I know what some smokers are thinking—governments keep outlawing enjoyable health hazards. With the latest attacks on lung and heart disorders by controlling tobacco smoke, one must wonder what will be banned next.

What if authorities decided to declare war on headaches? Would they ban smokers?

**A warm round of applause for Officer Friendly****By Tony Reinhart**

One of my numerous responsibilities as editor of this newspaper is to write an opinion piece, or column, every week. That's what you're reading right now.

When I was chosen to be editor, I promised myself to resist writing columns about journalism. I figured that if I did, you, the reader, would be bored and maybe even angry that I would use the pages of your newspaper for self-serving purposes.

However, something happened to me that I feel deserves comment, because it involves a principle that I feel strongly about: Professionalism.

On the morning of Nov. 17, one of my reporters told me that a car accident had

just taken place at Homer Watson Boulevard and Pinnacle Drive. I had some spare time so I decided to grab my notepad and camera and check it out.

When I arrived on the scene, the investigating officer, from the Waterloo regional police, was questioning two men in the cruiser. The two men were the drivers of two cars that collided, causing no injuries and only minor damage to both cars.

I loaded my camera and started taking pictures, all the while making sure I did not interfere with the investigation of the accident. It's only professional to wait until the officer is finished before asking for information, you see. So I collected what little information I could from the two gentlemen involved in the collision and continued to take pictures while I waited for the policeman to finish.

"You from the Record?" asked the officer when he spotted me.

"No," I replied, "I'm from Spoke, the college newspaper," and pointed in the direction of the college. I then waited patiently for a few more minutes before the officer approached me.

"I suppose you're looking for information?" he asked casually as he approached his cruiser. A fair question, I concluded.

"Yes, if you can spare a minute," I said.

"Well, you're not going to get any from me," the officer said with a sarcastic smile.

I thought about it for a minute, and decided to try to get at least some facts about the accident. As a reporter, it's only professional. So I said, "not even a damage estimate?" The officer gave me a damage estimate. I thought to myself, "that wasn't so hard," and decided to ask another question.

"Could I get your name, please?" I inquired. The officer gave me his card. That made it two pieces of information from someone who initially told me that I wouldn't get any information.

As a reporter, I felt obliged to ask one more question. To cover an event without getting all the facts is unprofessional.

"Are any charges being laid?" I said. Here's how the officer replied:

"You should know better than to ask

me that. Are you new in the news business?"

Surprised and a little ticked off, I said, "I'm a student." As innocently as possible, I asked, "Why?"

"When I said you wouldn't get any information from me, I meant it," he replied, again with a stinging grin. I walked away, wondering who pissed on his corn flakes that morning.

I don't think it's unreasonable to say the police officer acted somewhat less than professional that morning. I could have done without the sarcasm and condescending remarks. If the police officer considered himself professional, he surely would have been more courteous and helpful than he was. If, for some reason, he was prohibited from giving me information, he could have let me know. He also could have referred me to the police force's public relations officer for further information. But he didn't.

I admit that I am relatively inexperienced in the news business. But I am not so inexperienced that I do not have some sense of professional ethics. That, I'm afraid, is more than can be said about the police officer.



# Doon thefts down

By Max Lombardi

Two crimes have been reported on Conestoga College Doon campus since the school year began, said Bob Gilberts, security supervisor at Doon campus.

One person reported missing hub caps, valued at more than \$400, and another said seven cassette tapes were taken from inside his car, Gilberts said in a recent interview.

Gilberts said students have been good at keeping thefts to a minimum and the college prob-

ably ranks high among Ontario colleges in terms of a low number of reported thefts.

Thefts seem to be down at the campus because students care.

If a computer is stolen, the students suffer because they have one less computer to work with. Gilberts agreed that the

Conestoga students today are more responsible than their predecessors were.

"If the past students had seen a dead body, they would have probably walked around it."

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on, Speyers said, his eyes reddened with anger from behind his thick glasses. Others walked down the hall as if nothing unusual was happening.

Canadians are free, thanks to the lives many Canadian soldiers gave in the wars, the three-year security guard explained in a thick Dutch accent.



Photo by Max Lombardi/Spoke  
Bob Gilberts

# Doon tech students challenge other schools

By Elizabeth Silva

Students in the electrical technician machinery apparatus program at the Detweiler Centre on Conestoga College's Doon campus are calling on other colleges to accept a challenge.

The students are attempting to line up five generators in parallel. This feat was achieved by the students in the program last year. It was the first known time this project was completed successfully by an educational institution in Ontario.

This year's 23 students will try to match the feat, but this time, they are calling on other colleges to also match it.

The five generators being worked on will power 100 amps, which according to Doug Bensch, a student in the program, is enough to kill a person.

Bensch added that there is always danger involved when working with a high current.

Along with the good feeling that accompanies accomplishment of a major task, other rewards will be gained with this project.

Norm Socha, a teacher in the program, said the project will teach students how to work productively in a group.

"The students will work at different stations in the project, and they will learn how to pull their resources together to get the project to work," said Socha.

Socha said having the students work in separate stations will help them understand how real electrical power stations work together.

Approximately three to four hours a week are spent working on the project and it will take about three to four weeks to complete.

The students are anxious to see how other colleges will react to the challenge.

Bensch concluded, "We want to show them that we're the best."

## Zhao

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dian students receive more hands-on experience than most Chinese students, who must rely mainly on theory.

This creates a problem for graduating students, Zhao said. "Some students really lack practical knowledge (and) when they get out they have to spend one or two years getting familiar with their job."

"But the colleges are now paying more attention to this problem and are starting to provide more practical experience," Zhao added.

Canada's small population is another advantage for Canadian students, Zhao said. "You are lucky. Ours is a big country. The population is over one billion, and only about 600,000 students can go to university every year."

"Your population is small but you have many students at college and university."

Those who make it into a Chinese college or university are required to take an exam every year, and those who fail

must leave.

New students are assigned courses which best suit their abilities and subsequently their professions upon graduation. The students' preferences are taken into consideration.

Although Canadian post-secondary education has many

advantages, its Chinese equivalent isn't without merit.

"They (Chinese students) have no tuition fees and free lodging," Zhao said. "All they have to pay for is food and teaching material."

Books in China cost about \$1 (U.S.) each.

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# Zenger wins prize

By Christine Diesbourg

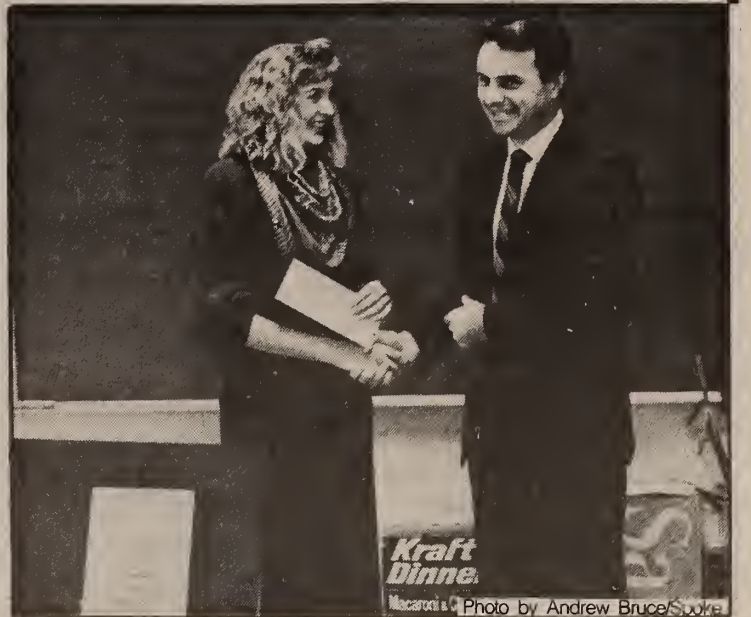
Charlene Zenger, a first-year design—graphics and advertising student at Conestoga's Doon campus came away from the annual Christmas awards \$200 richer and received a one-year subscription to Step by Step, a graphics magazine.

First-year students are given the opportunity to enter an original Christmas greeting card in the contest to be judged by teachers and a board from a large business firm. The winner receives the prizes and the work is then used by the firm.

This year, the students had to design a Christmas card for Horton and Ball, Walter, Fedy, McCargar and Hachborn, architects and engineers.

According to Vince Sowa, graphics design faculty member, the company has been involved in the awards for the last four years.

"I'm quite impressed with this year's entries. This is the first year we've had a card that let us know that it's Christmas but was also done well technically," said Roger Farwell, a partner in the firm.



Charlene Zenger receives a \$200 cheque for a Christmas card (in foreground) which she designed.

The cards were judged on graphic skill and design rationale and had to be in keeping with the Christmas season. There were 29 entries in this year's contest.

"This award is very realistic because the students must do a presentation of their work in the office of the client and then there is an in-class critique of everyone's work," Sowa said.

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because it's a chance for you to take time out and smell the roses and realize that you are at a college," said Kalbfleisch.

"But there are others that don't believe that it has any role at all for students."

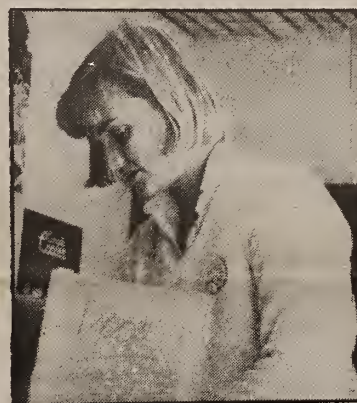
One such person is Paul Kurtz, program co-ordinator for technology.

With more than 1,000 students enrolled in the technology programs, which is almost half the student population, he feels he can't afford to even have two days of teaching time taken from him.

"In the programs that we teach, every day counts because we have a lot of information the students have to learn in a very short span of time."

"After all, we lose a few Mondays during a semester to holidays and the instructor that teaches a course during that day has to find time to make it up and it's very tough to do."

Kurtz, also a member of the orientation committee, said orientation should occur on a diffe-



Sandy Nay

rent day than the actual registration.

"Registration should be done on the first day of school (Sept. 5) so that people with jobs don't need to leave earlier just to register. If they come in before school starts, not only do they lose earnings which might have been theirs had they stayed on the job longer, but they also

have nothing to do during that week prior to the start."

Kurtz suggested the registration be finished for all students on the first day of school and orientation be completed at the first pub that is sponsored by the DSA.

"That way, people will know some of their classmates by then and if they want to go to a pub with their friends, they'll go."

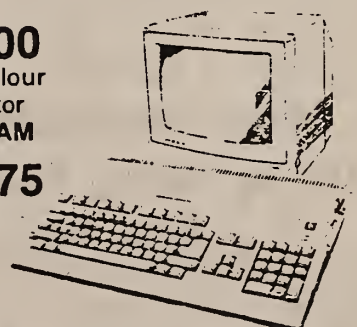
"We (faculty of technology) do know that a very minimal number of our students go to the DSA events because they (students) want to come in and get things started right away. They're here for the education."

This is the type of information Nay is seeking. We'd like to approach the student body and find out what they feel about orientation. We want to know if they feel it's a waste of time or if they want first-year students to have the orientation by themselves and let the second- and third-year students get around on their own," Nay said.

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1. Do you think orientation is an important event?  
yes — no —
2. Do you think social interaction with fellow students is important?  
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4. What do you remember from Orientation 1987?  
(please check off three choices in order of importance; 1 - important, 3 - least)
  - a) workshops —
  - b) registration —
  - c) slide presentation —
  - d) meeting the director —
  - e) meeting other students —
  - f) Wednesday afternoon pond party —
5. Would you like to have the Orientation Pond Party on:
  - Thursday before Labor Day at 12:30 p.m. —
  - Tuesday after Labor Day at 3:30 p.m. —
  - Tuesday after Labor Day at 12:30 p.m. —
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From left to right: Tony Karais, Mark Lorentz, Scot Muncaster and John Preiditsch at SkyDome site. Muncaster is program co-ordinator from RPA Consultants.

## Three visit the SkyDome

By Annette Antle

Three Conestoga College business students at Doon campus visited the SkyDome site in Toronto on Friday, Oct. 30.

The students are Tony Karais, Mark Lorentz, and John Preiditsch, third-year business-management students working on an operations management project.

The project, which directly involves the use of course-related material, is an ongoing follow-up on the physical expansion of the SkyDome.

Arranged by Jay Moszynski, program co-ordinator, the project began last fall with third-year students who did an initial project on the model of the SkyDome and its location.

Karais, Lorentz and Preiditsch met with Bob Hunter, vice president of SkyDome operations, in the boardroom of the SkyDome Corp. next to the CN Tower in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Karais conducted a videotaped interview with Hunter which will be used as a visual

aid in their December presentation to their management operations class.

The students followed up the interview with Hunter with a tour covering the construction site of the SkyDome.

Lorentz conducted a videotaped on-tour interview with the superintendent of construction. Both interviews will be combined for the students' presentation.

"Hunter told us to call back if we had any further questions. He lent us a 13-minute promotions video-tape to bring back with us to add to our management studies presentation," said Karais.

"Bob Hunter opened up all doors for us," said Preiditsch. "We were very well received."

The students spent the entire day in Toronto working on their project which is worth about 30% of their overall mark.

According to the students, Moszynski will be using the results of the students' project as an educational tool in different areas of operations management within the program.

Although there was an initial project done on the proposed SkyDome last fall, the students' follow-up project this year is more detailed in figures in all areas concerning the construction of the SkyDome.

"It's happening now," said Karais, "whereas last year it was all on paper."

The feature that impressed the students most was the actual size of the SkyDome. They had views from ground level as well as from 130 feet up—the top of the seating deck.

The students related that from ground to the dome's ceiling is equivalent to two Mutual Life towers on top of each other plus a two-storey house added.

"You get totally wrapped up in it so that you don't even want to leave," said Lorentz.

"We were even able to inspect such things as the seating that will be used in the SkyDome stadium," said Preiditsch.

Other impressive features of the dome include the world's longest bar, which will have a view of centre field.

It will contain the world's largest television screen with home color T.V. quality. Sony and Mitsubishi are competing for the contract to install it.

According to Hunter, SkyDome Corp. has four falcons and is breeding a fifth to scare away seagulls. The students were told that over 90% of Ontario's bird species fear falcons.

Among some of the specialized construction equipment being used at the site is Canada's largest crane boom—longer than any football field.

According to the students' report, the main contractor is Ellis Don who will be sub-contracting all jobs to smaller contractors until the dome is completed. The turf design is still up for tender.

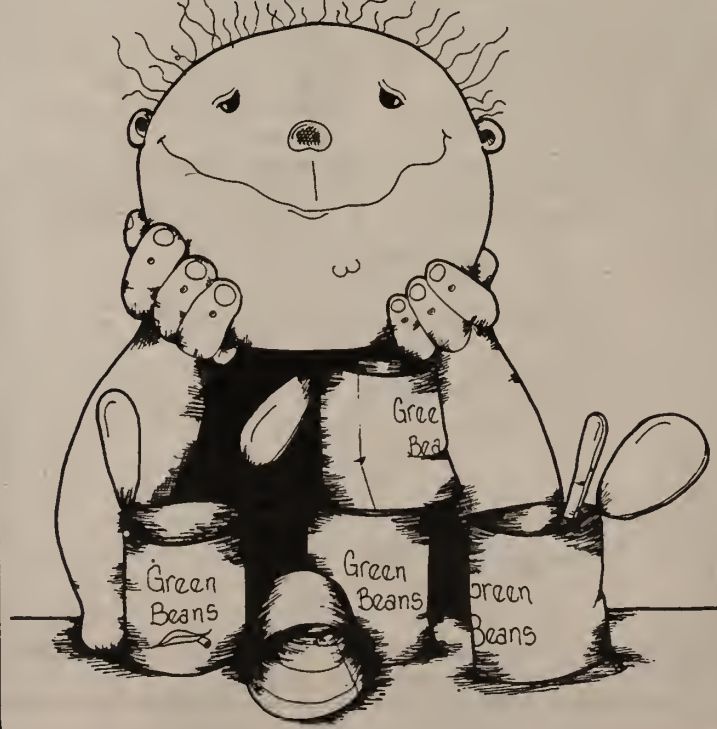
Construction on the dome began with the breaking of the sod last October. Construction of the roof begins this week. The opening is scheduled for the Toronto Blue Jays' first game in April 1989.

As related to the students for use in their presentation, the current dome budget is \$383 million.

"These guys did a super job," Moszynski said.

"The evaluation process will take place in December when they do their class presentation on the project," Moszynski said.

IF YOUR FRIEND WENT OUT AND ATE  
A SIX PACK OF GREEN BEANS EVERY NIGHT  
WOULD YOU TALK TO HIM OR HER  
ABOUT IT?





## Birthday bash for faculty member

By Jamie Reaume

Forty is supposed to be the crucial age in a man's life, but if you ask Klaus Gruber, he would likely tell you that you just begin to pick up steam at that age.

Gruber, a social services faculty member since 1981, was given a royal surprise party by his second-year students Friday, (Nov.) the 13th, a day traditionally known for misfortune or bad luck.

Gruber, dressed in a theatrical outfit comprised of a sombrero, two leis, two phony ears, a banner proclaiming Happy Birthday, and two placards with inscriptions about being 40, was placed in the seat of honor after an "embarrassing but fun-filled" walk down the hall to room 2A60.

But the surprise began earlier in the morning when his first-year social service students sang a song to him and pre-

sented him with a slice of banana cream pie with a candle in it.

"Because we're a small program with just a few faculty and we end up teaching both years... there really develops over the two years a real intimacy with the students, which might be different from business or technological programs. That makes this kind of thing very meaningful and a lot of fun," Gruber said.

While he thought there might be something on the black board about his birthday, he never imagined the extent of the party planned by his students.

"It's incredible," he said, "the lengths this class will go to not have a scheduled class."

What makes all the surprises received by Gruber, who is married with three children, more special is that this is going to be his last year teaching at Conestoga College.

"I'm heading out West where

my wife (Margie) is going to be working at the Saskatoon Research Station while I'll become a house-husband and help my kids get settled in. Later, I might look into writing a few books, doing some part-time counselling, planning some workshops on just about anything or doing some studying into international and peace issues which I am very interested in.

"The thing is, that for the first time in a long time I will have a whole lot of choices because my wife will be able to maintain the kind of lifestyle which we have become accustomed to."

Gruber was quick to point out that it is all tentative upon his wife receiving the job but "while I haven't handed in my letter of resignation, everyone knows if the job comes through, I'll be gone."

And Gruber admits he will miss teaching, a lot.

"This group of people, while



In the hot seat, Klaus Gruber - a newly turned 40-year-old.

unpredictable, are very trustworthy. We (in the program) strive to make people aware that they are tools for their employers and as such, we

stress personal growth which would probably account for the intimacy among the faculty and students. That's what I'll miss most."

# ENTERTAINMENT



Meteors' guitarist performs his trickery during the Non-Stop Rock pub Nov. 12.

## Entertainment makes pub a success

By Andrew Bruce

Excellent entertainment made the Non-Stop Rock pub Nov. 12 at Conestoga College's Doon campus a surprisingly successful event, despite the fact that about 150 tickets were unsold.

Half the tables were empty at about 9:30 p.m., which gave the impression that the pub might be a dud, but when one-man band McRorie Toit went on stage the audience reacted immediately to his skilled performance. A mini-concert took form as most of the pub-goers crowded around to see McRorie's unusual act closely.

McRorie uses a small dais

equipped with sensors that send signals which synthesize drum beats. Four tom-toms were attached to McRorie's chest and at each hip he had keyboards, one for rhythm guitar, one for bass.

McRorie played mainly rock music, such as Eric Clapton's Cocaine, Doctor and the Medics' Spirit in Sky and Lynyrd Skynyrd's Sweet Home Alabama. McRorie also played a few harder selections from AC/DC and Judas Priest.

McRorie performed for about an hour and was followed by the Meteors, who replaced Equus because of booking problems.

Pub-goers responded well to the Meteors' music which was well suited to dancing. The

five-member band played cuts from such acts as Level 42 and Howard Jones. Their music consisted mainly of light rock and jazz, with a little blues.

The Meteors supplemented their music with showmanship. For example, one of the guitar players occasionally played with his instrument behind his head, and the whole band did a lot of dancing and leaping around the stage.

Both performances at the pub were top notch, although the music was a little distorted. This could be chalked up to the less-than-adequate acoustics in Doon's cafeteria.

## Movie: a different view

By Andrew Bruce

If you're in the mood for a movie that is out of the ordinary, head down to a video shop and pick up 'night Mother.

Based on Marsha Norman's play of the same title, 'night Mother centres on two main characters, mother and daughter, and takes place in their home one evening. Sissy Spacek plays Jessie Cates, who tells her

mother Thelma, played by Anne Bancroft, that she is going to kill herself later that night.

Shocked and confused by what her daughter has revealed, Thelma tries to understand why. Jessie tells Thelma that she is lonely, her life is meaningless, and she can't do anything to change.

Thelma does her best to convince Jessie that her life is worth while. But Jessie is determined to end her life and

thwarts her mother's attempts at every turn.

Much is revealed about both characters as they argue, discuss, become emotionally closer, and then argue again. The viewer learns that Thelma is lazy and relies on Jessie for almost everything, including candy—which Thelma is hopelessly addicted to. Jessie, on the other hand, is always in command—though Thelma thinks otherwise—and the daughter's whole life centres around keeping her mother and the house organized, nothing more.

'night mother has only four other characters, Jessie's brother Dawson, his wife and two kids. But they are only seen for a few moments at beginning.

This movie is a riveter. The viewer becomes totally engrossed, learning about Thelma and Jessie's eccentricities, wondering how Jessie could tell her mother ahead of time about her dark plan. And, of course, the viewer wonders if she will actually carry her plan through to its end.

'night Mother, released earlier this year by MCA, is rated PG-13.

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# One-man-band act suits McRorie's style

By Christine Diesbourg

McRorie Toit, 31, of Vancouver entertained students at Conestoga's Doon campus pub Nov. 12. But the unusual thing about this entertainer, however, is that he is a one-man band.

At first the audience was restrained at this rather unusual act but once McRorie got into his routine, the audience was simply delighted.

"Initially, it is always hard for me to be accepted. Bar owners tell the agents to book another band for the nights I'm supposed to play. Once they hear me play, though, they're usually the ones who ask me to stay another week," McRorie said.

The reason to retain the act becomes clear but you have to see him to believe him. On his left foot is a high-tech sensor.

"When you hit the sensor, it creates a voltage. The voltage then makes the high tech sound," McRorie explained.

On his right foot are the bass and snare drum sensors. On his chest are four tom-toms. On his hips are two small keyboards, the right is the rhythm guitar and the left is the bass guitar. The microphone, which is strapped to McRorie's head, is used for lead vocals and a voltar which is a vocal-sounding guitar.

This all sounds like very technical equipment but McRorie said that it's really not that difficult.

"I learned how to solder and I read a lot of how-to books," McRorie said. Some of the equipment McRorie bought and modified for his own use but the microphone and sensors he made himself.

Before McRorie started on his own he was in a three-piece band with his sister and brother. At the suggestion of his brother, McRorie played the drums and the keyboards. Later he played in a five-piece band and again played the keys and drums together and gradually replaced everyone in the band with himself. McRorie said he could have replaced the members with a machine but decided he wanted to play live, with no machines at all. Today McRorie is one of a kind as far as he knows.

"Most one-man bands use drum machines and tape ma-

chines," he said.

The reason he started out on his own was because he had trouble getting along with people.

"I mean, I get along with them to a point but not in relationships. I like to be alone in life and this allows me to. I like audiences and performing for people and I like doing business with people but I don't like the work involved in relationships or the time it takes to modify my personality to suit another person's - this solves that," McRorie said.

He is now writing original charts the way he wants to and he doesn't have to accommodate anyone else.

"I don't think they (my originals) have any commercial value but they're my own. I can now play my originals the way I want to without compromising," said McRorie.

However, McRorie hasn't quite figured out what category his music would fall into. He loves playing metal music such as Judas Priest, Iron Maiden and AC/DC and adds that Iron Maiden is one of his favorite groups.

"With my music there are influences from many fields. That's why I say I don't think my stuff can have commercial potential. I'll be surprised if I ever get an AM hit with my originals but I'm having fun with what I'm doing here," McRorie said.

He believes one of the reasons to write commercial originals is to make money and lots of it.

"I don't feel it's necessary to compromise on my originals to make money. If my originals don't sell, I don't care. I like them. I don't want to have to change who I am when it comes to originals because they're an expression of myself and that's one problem I had with bands. I was never able to get across my ideas with originals and now this is allowing me an outlet to perform them the way I want to," McRorie said.

McRorie looks for rock energy in an audience.

"I don't really know what that

energy is. It's too obscure to describe and it doesn't always happen but you know it's there," McRorie stated.

"A bad audience is when no one applauds. Most of the time, it's not the audience's fault; it's

mine. The audience is usually right and the best judge," McRorie said and laughed.

"I like to feel a part of an audience. I play with what I feel from an audience. I like to play dance music too because then you get a party going," McRorie said.

This one-man band has only been in Ontario for two months but has played Ottawa, Nova Scotia, Moncton, St. John and Antigonish. He plays up to six nights a week and plays three sets of 50-minute shows. On top of all this work he also carries his own light show which includes 70 lights. While on the road he enjoys going for a run each morning and, if possible, working out in a weight room if the hotels have one.

McRorie plans to return to Vancouver in January at which time he'd like to start recording some of his originals. McRorie works with Feldman Associates in Vancouver and the Agency.

For a man who travels at a hectic pace, McRorie said he'd like to slow down at one point in his life and 'woodshed' for a few years.

"You lock yourself away and all you do is practise. You get enough money in the bank and go off. If you believe in your instrumentation enough you just lock yourself away for three or four years and become a monster," McRorie explained.

"It's like living with someone. When you date you really think the other person is great and then you live with them and it's

... ugh! That's what woodshedding is like with music. You have to get to know it real well," McRorie added.

So when will the wedding bells sound for a hot new talent like McRorie? He doesn't want to get married until he's at least 55 like Pierre Trudeau whom he

envies.

"I believe in being an individual" McRorie said.

It took McRorie almost seven years to develop his one-man band but if for some reason he wasn't playing music, he'd like to be studying philosophy. He made it clear, however, that

he's not a philosopher but would enjoy being in a situation where he could hide away and read philosophy. Right now he doesn't read as much as he'd like to because he is so busy. However, he hopes there will be many years for him to play his music, his way.



McRorie Toit, 31, of Vancouver, entertains Conestoga students | Nov. 12.

## Club holds elections

By John McCurdy

More club activities are what the new executive of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Doon campus chapter plans, following executive elections Nov. 11.

"We're planning many things for the club this year," said Darren Ste. Marie, newly-elected first vice-president of the Doon chapter.

Activities will include plant tours of such businesses as Ford of Canada and IBM. Lectures sponsored by the SME and a joint, year-end party with the Mechanical Club will also be held.

Out of the six positions open for nominations only four were

filled.

Chairman-elect is John Pallatino. Dean Martin was elected assistant chairman, who's job is to help run meetings and to train to be next year's chairman. Ste. Marie is first vice-president, while the second vice-president's chair is still open. Ste. Marie will also be temporary treasurer and Joe Borges will fill the position of membership manager.

As part of the club's fund-raising drives, club members are being sold the Machineries Handbook-Reference (for mechanical students) at a cost of \$50, a discount of \$10. The SME student membership rate is \$13 a year.

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# SPORTS

## Varsity sports roundup

### Lady cagers lose an overtime thriller

By Jim Ovington

In a tough game which went into overtime Nov. 12, the Conestoga women's basketball team lost to Durham College Lady Lords 80-73.

The Condors fell behind early in the game and by half time, were trailing 39-30. With a strong run in the second half the Condors gained a nine-point lead with less than three minutes left in the game.

A lack of timely scoring by Conestoga coupled with a strong Durham finish resulted in a 70-70 tie at the end of regulation time.

In overtime Conestoga could not find the scoring touch which Durham took advantage of to win the game 80-73.

Bob Scott, coach of the women's team, said the team played excellent ball and has improved in quantum leaps since the start of the season.

"Everybody has to forget about the standings and gear for the playoffs," Scott said.

As a result of the loss to Durham, Conestoga's record changed to two and three. Although it's a less-than-terrific record, the Condors are in the playoffs and Scott said the two games that matter now are on Dec. 4 and Dec. 5.

"If there is a favorite, it would

have to be Georgian who have not lost a game," said Scott.

"We have to improve on our ball handling on the presses and on our inbounds," he added.

The big scorers for Conestoga were Sharron Kiely with 23 points and Terri Murray with 17.

Top scorer for the whole game was Julie Hornsby of Durham who scored 30 points while Carrie Skribe of Durham netted 21.

#### Men's basketball

The men's squad won two road games last week to even their record at 2-2.

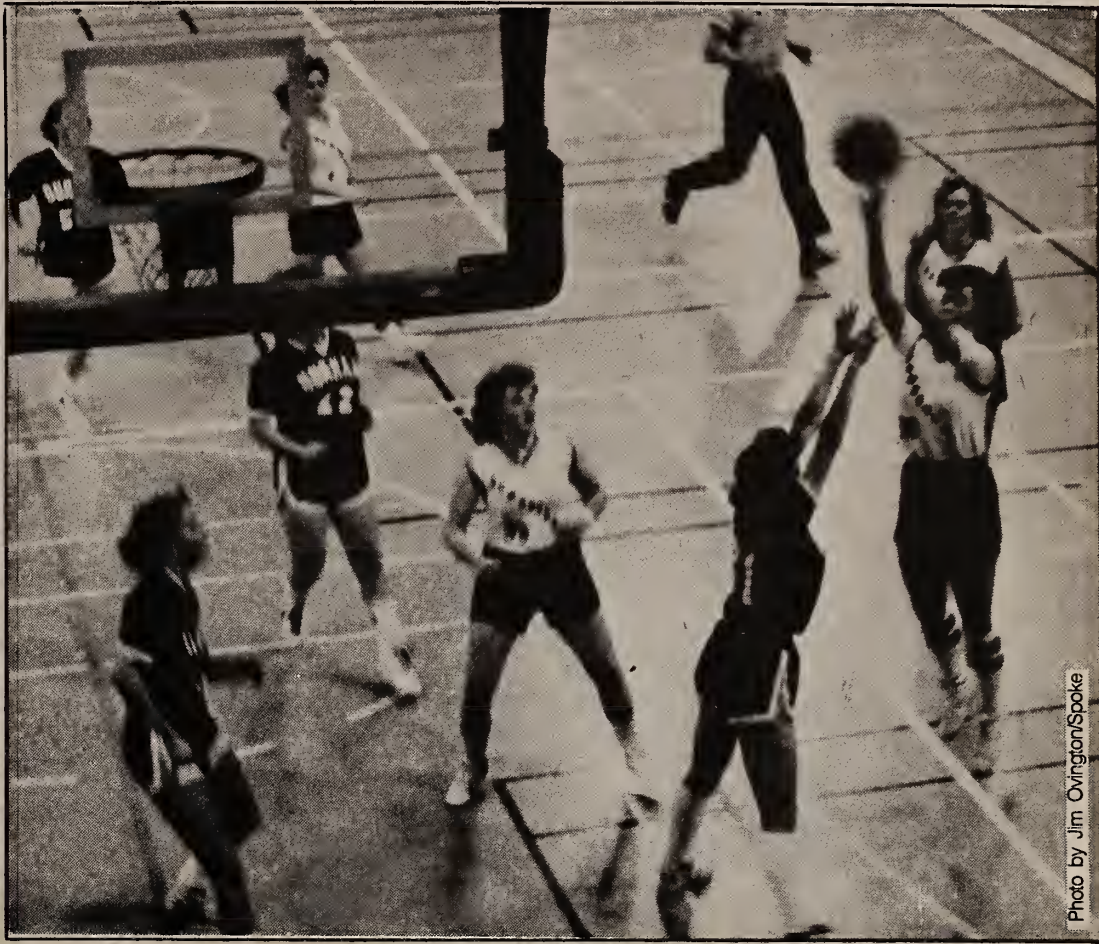
Against Fanshawe Nov. 11, the Condors took a 41-35 half-time lead over the Falcons, then rode the advantage to a 78-69 win.

John Peck led the Condor attack with 20 points, while Gary Munkhorst hit for 18 and Trevor Thompson scored 14.

Friday the 13th, turned out to be lucky for the Condors when they defeated George Brown College 80-65.

Outstanding play came from Munkhorst who scored 35 points, Thompson 14 points and Peck 11 points.

Condors continue their road trip as they travel to Guelph Nov. 25.



Condor Tracy Bradt, during women's basketball action, goes up for a hot.

Photo by Jim Ovington/Spoke

## Rec Centre's past is history for the future

By Jim Ovington

The Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre has become a familiar sight to all who attend Conestoga College but the facility is a recent addition to the campus.

Construction of the centre began after former college president, Kenneth Hunter, was asked to tour the sports facilities. After the tour Hunter promised the students, if they helped in the fund raising, that he would get them a recreation centre.

Construction began in 1979 and the centre was opened in 1980.

The cost of the building was \$5 million and the funding was as follows: the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, \$3.9 million; community fund-raising, \$250,000; Wintario funds, \$250,000; Conestoga College, \$100,000. A grant from the

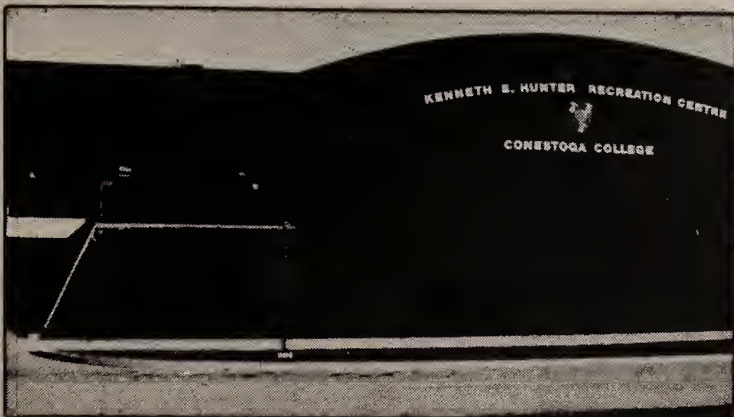


Photo by Jim Ovington/Spoke

#### Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre

Ministry of Tourism and Recreation made up the difference.

Dan Young, co-ordinator of athletics and campus recreation, said the athletic department was consulted on the design of the centre.

"When the building was designed we tried to look at what

we thought were the college needs at that point in time as well as what we could foresee in the future," said Young.

"We thought it would be appropriate for us to have a gymnasium the size that we have to be used for various athletic purposes by the college

and also for other non-athletic purposes such as convocations," he said. Young said they tried to make it a multi-purpose facility so it could be used by the community as well as the college. The city of Kitchener and the college have an agreement so the community can use the facility but a fee is charged to any group outside of the college. Young said he is satisfied with

the building except that more squash and handball courts could have been added.

Otherwise, he likes the facility and what was included in the design.

In the future there won't be any major changes to the building itself but in the long term, a swimming pool and indoor tennis courts may be added.

## Pennants show proud past

By Jim Ovington

When you're walking upstairs in the recreation centre, take a look at the ceiling and you may see a condor, not a real one, mind you, but a replica of one on a pennant.

These pennants are a form of recognition given to teams of the past which have performed well for Conestoga College.

The idea of the pennants was the brainchild of former college president Kenneth E. Hunter who included the pennants in his plan for a hall of fame on the second storey of the rec centre. Also included are pennants of all the courses offered at Conestoga and plaques dedicated to financial contributors to the rec centre and to the board of governors.

Marilyn Lambert, co-ordinator of equal opportunity, said she used the Condor logo that was on the pins at that time as a design for the pennants.

Lambert said, "The pennants are made of vinyl because it is fireproof ... and can be washed easily."

The cost of the pennants, made by Collins Graphics Ltd., was \$100 a piece.

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For more information, contact Mary Wright at the Recreation Centre 653-2511 Ext. 231.



# Olympic skaters train at Conestoga College

By Victor Mirabelli

The Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre at Conestoga College has become one of the best places to train figure skaters for the 1988 Winter Olympics.

John Briscoe, one of the coaches of the national figure skating pairs' centre, said this centre is an ideal place for skaters to train, because of its complete facilities.

"Preparing for the 1988 Winter Olympics, we need to skate on an Olympic-size ice surface, and there's not too many arenas

around like the one here," said Briscoe.

Briscoe said he has been pleased with the ice surface at the centre since coming here.

"We've been here for about three years now, and this will hopefully be a permanent home for the national pairs' centre."

Briscoe isn't worried about the funds for training the skaters since a number of sources contribute.

"We receive assistance through Sport Canada and through our national body, the Canadian Figure Skating Association, which sort of defers the

sum of the lessons and ice costs."

Briscoe said there have been 40 national level competitors and 20 international competitors who have trained at the centre. Among them have been some of the top skaters in Canada, either in singles or pairs.

"Christine Hough and Doug Ledret, who have been skating together for about three years, were ranked seventh during their first world competition last year. This year they are ranked second in Canada."

Briscoe said that they have

been training at the centre for almost the entire year, except for May.

"We are at the recreation centre permanently all year long, with May the only month we are not training. We train all summer and all winter, every day of the week."

Briscoe added that there have been an assortment of people from different backgrounds who have trained at the centre.

"There have been people from Britain, Australia, United States and a contingent from Japan who have trained here on a part-time basis."



Coach John Briscoe

## Intramural team of the week



Everybody's Business

The men's ball hockey team (on ice) league ended last week with the final game ending in overtime. "Everybody's Business" won 3-2 over "Buster".

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## Varsity athletes of the week



Sharon Kiely,

female athlete of the week

Kiely, a centre for the Condors, scored 23 points against Durham College, but the squad lost 80-73 in overtime.

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Gary Munkhorst,

male athlete of the week

Munkhorst, a 6'6" forward, scored 53 points in two Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) games



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